

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

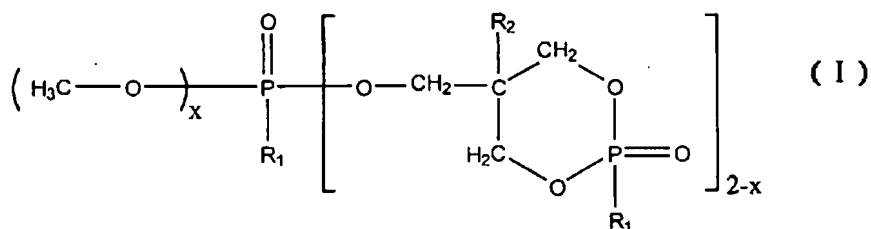
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously presented). A flame retardant styrenic resin composition comprising:

(A) 70 to 99.5 parts by weight of a rubber-modified polystyrene resin; and

(B) 0.5 to 2 parts by weight of a ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently of each other C_1 - C_4 alkyl and x is 0 or 1 and wherein the concentration of polyphenylene ether in the composition is 0.

Claim 2 - 4 (canceled).

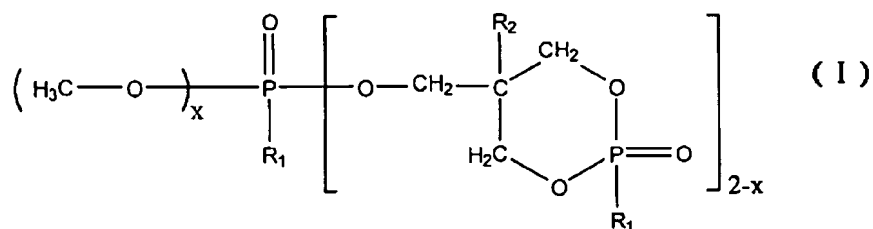
Claim 5 (original). The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 1, which further comprises up to 50 parts by weight of an additive selected from the group consisting of plasticizers, heat stabilizers, anti-oxidants, light stabilizers, compatibilizers, pigment, dye and/or inorganic filler per 100 parts by weight of rubber modified styrenic resin (A).

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Claim 6 and 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended). A flame retardant styrenic resin composition comprising:

- (A) 70 to 99.5 parts by weight of a base resin prepared by blending a rubber, and styrene monomer and polymerizing the blend, and
 (B) 0.5 to 2 parts by weight of a ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently of each other C_1 - C_4 alkyl and x is 0 or 1 and wherein the concentration of polyphenylene ether in the composition is 0.

Claims 9 - 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (previously presented). A flame retardant styrenic resin composition according to claim 1 wherein (B) is methyl-bis (5-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinan-5yl) methyl methyl phosphonic acid ester P-oxide or methyl- bis(5-ethyl-2-methyl- 1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinan-5yl) phosphonic acid ester P, P'-dioxide or a mixture thereof.

Claim 24 (canceled)

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Claim 25. (currently amended) A flame retardant styrenic resin composition according to claim ~~14~~ 1 wherein the particle size of the rubber is from 0.5 to 2.0 μ m.

Claim 26. (currently amended) A flame retardant styrenic resin composition according to claim ~~15~~ 8 herein the particle size of the rubber is from 0.5 to 2.0 μ m.

Claim 27 - 29 (canceled)